

SAINT JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

~WELCOME~

Welcome to our community! Together we share a deep love and reverence for God, which we express through liturgy, prayer, and service. We invite you to join us in experiencing the joy and fulfillment that come from being part of something greater than ourselves.

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY:

5:00p.m.

SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m.

MONDAY:

8:00 a.m.

TUESDAY-FRIDAY:

6:45 a.m.

FIRST FRIDAY

ANOINTING MASS:

2:00p.m.

FIRST SATURDAY

MASS:

8:00a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES:

Check the bulletin for times

CONFESSIONS:

30 minutes before daily Masses and 45 minutes before weekend Masses



The Epiphany of the Lord

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

-Matthew 2:1-2

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

As things gear back up this week to a more regular pace, we'll enter back into Ordinary Time, before we begin an early Lent on Valentine's Day.

Later this month, we will begin work on a new parish picture directory, including taking photos and updating contact information for parishioners. More details to come!

Have a great week!

Best,

Fr. Scott

Mass Intentions

SUN 1/7	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph
MON 1/8	8:00 a.m.	+	Steven Kotlarz
TUE 1/9	6:45 a.m.	+	Paul Erhart
WED 1/10	6:45 a.m.	+	Harold Stark
TH 1/11	6:45 a.m.	+	Frank Vidmar
FRI 1/12	6:45 a.m.	+	David Boro
SAT 1/13	5:00 p.m.	+	Jerrold Bunnell
SUN 1/14	9:00 a.m.		People of St. Joseph

If you would like to schedule a Mass for the intention for someone special, contact the parish office. A donation of \$10 is suggested.

Liturgy Ministers

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13th

Lectors: John Cronican
Linda Christensen

EMHC: Julie Masters

Greeters: Russ &
Deb Hoskins

Singers: Kathy Kriser
Mary Iverson

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14th

Lectors: Beth Anderson
Mike Kalen

EMHC: Galen Klenda

Greeters: Iro & Mary Johnson
Singers: Jr. Choir

Altar Servers: Peter Sciba
Thomas Sciba

If you are interested in serving as a lector, EMHC, greeter or altar server at St. Joseph's, please contact the parish office.



St. Tarcisius was a 12-year-old boy who lived in 3rd-century Rome. Although much of what is known of him is from a poem written by Pope Damasus (366-384), he is considered an important martyr who protected the Eucharist from desecration with his life.



Remember in our Prayers

Let us pray for Margaret Wilson, Eileen Stock, Ricky Becker, and Brenda Jones. Pray also for all our parishioners who are homebound, hospitalized, and in nursing homes.

"Heal me, Lord, and I'll be healed. Save me and I'll be saved, for You are my heart's desire."

—Jeremiah 17:145

Weekly Collections

Weekend of the December 31st

Offertory:	\$8,785.00
Christmas:	\$1,195.00
Priests' Retirement:	\$10.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$1,276.00

Bulletin Submissions

If you would like to submit an announcement for the weekly bulletin, please send it to bulletin@stjosephspringfield.org by Monday at 8a.m.

Parish Events and Formation

- **Tuesday, Jan. 9th** | Walthill / Macy Service Trip with Catholic Charities
| 7:00p.m. | Ladies Guild Meeting in Parish Hall
- **Wednesday, Jan. 10th** | 6:15p.m. – 7:30p.m. | RE Classes Resume/ 7th & 8th grade in Parish Hall
| 7:00p.m. - 8:30p.m. | Youth Group

Looking Further Ahead:

- **January 21st** | Knights of Columbus/Ladies' Guild Holiday Party with Happy Hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:15 p.m.

Small Group Leaders Meeting

Father Scott will be conducting a training session for individuals interested in leading a small group during Lent. The session will be held on **Wednesday, January 17th from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.** If you are interested in leading a small group, please contact Amanda Staroscik by email at staroscikamanda@gmail.com.

ENOA Program

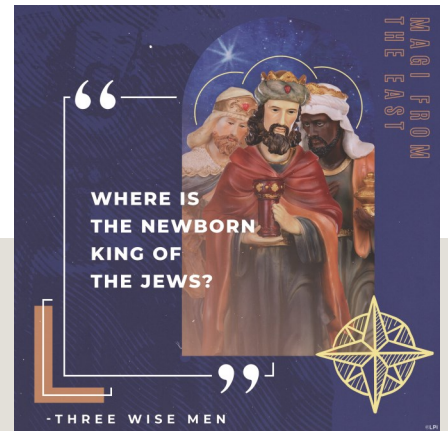
Diane Stanton and Mary Ann Eusebio from the Eastern Nebraska Offices on Aging (ENOA) will be at St. Joseph's on **Saturday, January 20th**. ENOA helps older Nebraskans to live more independently, with dignity, and in their own homes for as long as possible. They create unique programs that fill gaps in service. Diane will provide a brief program that highlights the services available for older adults in their five-county area. Topics covers will be nutrition programs, care management services, volunteer opportunities, and community services offered by ENOA. **The program will take place from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. in the parish hall.** We'd love to have you join us, so if you're interested in attending, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. If you have any questions, to contact the parish office.

Young Adult Outreach Program

The St. Joseph's Ladies Guild initiated a new program this fall called the Young Adult Outreach Program. As a part of this program, care packages and Christmas cards are sent to the young adults of our parish. We are looking forward to adding more young adults this spring and extending our support to them. If you have any young adults in your family who are in college, military, or working, we would love to get their name and address to send them a care package and a card. Also, if any of the young adults who are already a part of the program have changed their address this semester, please let us know. To provide the necessary information, please reach out to Julie Nieveen at julie.nieveen@gmail.com, or call 402-689-0209.

NEW Parish Directory Picture Day

Mark your calendar for **Jan. 20th and 21st** to get your family picture taken for the new parish directory. We will be taking them after both weekend masses.



Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Isaiah foresaw the future when the Lord would use Israel as His instrument to shine His glory into the world. What could you do this week to show God's glory to others?

Second Reading

Paul met a lot of resistance when he spoke of God's "revelation" that Gentiles are "coheirs" and "copartners" with Jews in the divine promise fulfilled in Christ Jesus. How welcoming are you to outsiders?

Gospel Reading

In the story of the magi's visit, we see the prophecies of Isaiah fulfilled with the treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh given to the Holy Family. What gift do you give to the Lord?

What should
you pray after
you receive
Communion?

Here's an excerpt
from a prayer by
St. Thomas Aquinas:



Let this Holy
Communion be to
me an armor of faith
and a shield of good
will, a cleansing of all
vices, and a rooting
out of all evil desires.



May this Holy
Communion bring
about a perfect union
with You, the one true
God, and at last enable
me to reach eternal bliss
when You will call me.
Through the same
Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Safe Environment Training

Are you looking for opportunities to lend a helping hand at our Fish Fries or join in the fun at the Sarpy County Fair food booth this summer? Just a quick heads up - if you're an adult, you'll need to be Safe Environment certified by the Archdiocese of Omaha to volunteer at any of our parish events. St. Joseph parish will be holding a training session on **Sunday, January 28th from 1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m. in the parish hall.** Go to <https://omaha.cmgconnect.org/> to register.

Knights of Columbus/Ladies Guild SENIOR Scholarship Application

The St. Joseph Catholic Church Knights of Columbus and Ladies Guild offers scholarships to graduating high school seniors and home school students. Scholarships are rewarded based on service to St. Joseph, as well as activities and leadership in the church, school and community. Applications can be downloaded online at www.stjosephspringfield.org or in the narthex. Return your typed and signed application to the Knights of Columbus mailbox by 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 3rd, 2024. Contact Kevin Schuster at kevin.schuster@gmail.com with questions.

St. Patrick's in Gretna 2024-2025 Preschool Registration

Mark your calendars! Registration for the 2024-2025 preschool year will begin on Monday, February 5th for all current families and parishioners of St. Patrick, St. Charles-Borromeo, and St. Joseph. Registration will open on Monday, February 19th to the community. Go to stpatricksgretna.org and register for your preferred class. Contact Amanda Scardina at 402-332-3050 with any questions.

3-Day Silent Ignatian Retreat

Come away to the quiet and be present to what God wants to offer you. Creighton University Retreat Center, located one hour east of Omaha in Griswold, IA is offering 3 Day Silent Directed Retreats. Retreats begin 6 p.m. supper the first day and end at 3 p.m. the last day. The cost is \$375 for room, meals and one-on-one spiritual direction sessions. Choose one from these available dates:


Thurs-Sun **Jan 18-21, 2024**

Thurs-Sun **Mar 21-24, 2024**

Thurs-Sun **May 2-5, 2024**

Sun-Wed **July 14-17, 2024**


To register go to creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats. For questions, please call 712.778.2466 or email curc@creighton.edu.




11-DAY PILGRIMAGE • OCTOBER 15 - 25, 2024

EXPERIENCE ITALY


WITH FR. DAVE REESON † ST. ROBERT BELLARMINI



Trip Code = 3623



\$3,999 PER PERSON
Departure from Omaha, NE



Contact Debbie Marcell • 402-333-8989 • dmarcell@strobarts.com

EXPERIENCE THE HEALING POWER OF GOD'S LOVE!

FRI, JAN 19 | ST GERALD CHURCH, 9602 Q STREET

Do you crave greater joy, freedom, and healing from the burdens that weigh you down? Start 2024 with an experience of God's healing and powerful love in this night of inspirational worship, preaching, and healing prayer.

7:00 PM - PRAISE & WORSHIP LED BY FR. MICHAEL VOITHOFER & ABLAZE MUSIC

7:30 PM - HEALING SERVICE LED BY FR. MARK NOLTE

"The Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk, but of power." 1 Corinthians 4:20

KNOW YOUR FAITH - The Gospel of John

Join Evangelium Institute's Deacon Peter Kennedy on **Mondays starting January 8 from 7 PM to 8:30 PM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (5419 N 114th St, Omaha)**, as he takes a deep dive into The Gospel of John. This course will begin with an introduction to the gospel and various key themes. We will then take time to look at certain passages in greater depth: the Prologue, the Wedding at Cana, Nicodemus, the Woman at the Well, the Raising of Lazarus, and the Washing of the Feet among others. We will discover why some scholars call this, "the Gospel of Divine Intimacy." Don't miss out—register today at www.eicatholic.org/know-your-faith.

OUCCW Scholarship

The Omaha Urban Area of Catholic Women (OUCCW) is offering a \$500 scholarship to a High School Senior Catholic young woman. There is also a \$250 Honorable Mention award. The first place (OUCCW) application will be forwarded to compete for the \$750 scholarship offered by the OACCW (Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women).



Application forms are available on the OACCW website OACCW.org. All High School Senior Catholic young women are encouraged to apply. If you have questions about the application or the process, please call Cathy Vak at 402-391-0484. **Applications for the OUCCW Scholarship must be submitted by January 15.** Completed applications are to be sent to: Cathy Vak, 3255 S. 77th Street, Omaha NE 68124.

ALPHA @ St. Columbkille Parish

Mondays Starting Jan 15th– Mar. 25th

Alpha is a journey of exploration that invites you to dive deeper into the Christian faith. Through eleven (11) sessions and a retreat, you'll have the chance to explore different questions about faith and connect with others over a shared meal. Each session includes a short video and a small group conversation where you can share your thoughts and experiences. By participating in Alpha, you'll discover a sense of community and the opportunity to encounter Jesus. To join this inspiring journey, complete the form below or contact Marlo Monico via email at alpha@mystc.org or by phone at (402) 740-3880.

Living Well with Diabetes @ St. Wenceslaus

Are you living with diabetes, pre-diabetes, or a caretaker for someone with diabetes? Would you like to learn more on how to better manage it? St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church will be holding 4 opportunities to attend a class: January 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Topics include fitness, nutrition, coping with emotions, communication, decision making, and problem solving. If you have any questions or would like to register for one of the classes, kindly contact Joan Mack at parishnurse@stwenceslaus.org or (402) 697-7514.

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DEACONS.....**Deacon David (retired) & Linda Christensen**
Deacon Terry & Karen Ficenec
Deacon David & VanNessa Krueger

Parish Groups & Ministry Leaders

PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT.....**Jim Amerine**
 FINANCE COMMITTEE PRESIDENT.....**Steve Callicutt**
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10894
 GRAND KNIGHT.....**Kevin Schuster**
 LADIES GUILD PRESIDENT**Deb Hoskins**
 MUSIC MINISTRY & YOUTH CHOIR
 COORDINATOR.....**Candy Connery**
 YOUTH GROUP LEADERS.....**Kelly Johnson & Julie Nieveen**

Parish Office

OFFICE HOURS.....M,W,TH 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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 FLOCKNOTE TEXT-TO-JOIN.....SPRINGFLED to 84576
 FACEBOOK.....facebook.com/stjosf

Monthly Charity Corner

~Sponsored by the Ladies Guild ~

During the month of January, we will be collecting donations to help the ENOA (Eastern Nebraska Office On Aging). The ENOA supports older adults seeking ways to be involved in the community through volunteer programming as well as information and assistance and caregiver support. The items that are most needed are: **Laundry soap (small containers), Dish soap, Hand soap, Hand sanitizer, Disinfectant wipes, Walmart or HyVee gift cards.**

We are grateful for the consistent support and generosity shown. Thank you for your ongoing commitment.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Father will hear confessions 30 minutes before daily masses and 45 minutes before weekend masses.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Registered parishioners will need to contact the parish office to schedule a meeting for their baptism class. After the class is complete, you can schedule a date. Baptisms can take place during a weekend mass or after.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Six months of marriage preparation prior to your wedding is required by the Archdiocese. Contact the parish office to schedule your wedding date and marriage instruction.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

If you, a relative or friend are hospitalized or shut in, and would like a visit from the Pastor or Deacon, please call the parish office.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every first Wednesday of the month from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. To sign up for an hour, contact the parish office.